(d) Number of employees stagnating for more than 18 years: 4

Number of employees stagnating for more than 10 years: 1.

(e) Promotion is vacancy-based. Whenever a vacancy arises, promotion is effected.

Grant to Madhya Pradesh for R&D

1594. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount sanctioned granted by Government to scientific Ministries and Departments; including Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), for R&D in various branches of science and technology, in each of the state and Union Territory;

(b) what is the proportion of share amount out of the above granted to the Madhya Pradesh for R&D by Government as compared to other States and Union Territories; and

(c) whether Government is considering to increase the share of Madhya Pradesh in the Central grants for scientific R&D, so as to bring Madhya Pradesh at par with the national average?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) The provisions for R&D in various branches of science and technology are made in the Union Budget in terms of programmes and schemes and there is no pre-determined State-wise|Union Territory-wise allocation.

(b) and (c) In view of the answer to Part (a), questions do not arise.

Problem of Drinking Water in Adivasis of M. P.

1595. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in some parts of Madhya Pradesh which is habitated by Adivasis the ground-water cannot be used for human consumption because of its iron contents;

(b) whether Government are aware that in Adivasis have no other alternative except to consume stagnated rainy water of ponds and drains;

(c) whether Government propose to conduct a survey in the State in this regard; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to make drinking water available in such areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) In certain parts in Madhya Pradesh iron content in ground-water source used for drinking water is beyond the permissible limit of 1 mg per litre. In such cases action is being taken to set up excess iron removal plants.

(b) As per reports received from the State Govt., except 73, all other problem villages have been covered fully or partially with safe drinking water facilities. Augmentation works are undertaken in partially covered villages within the available plan funds.

(c) A survey is proposed to be conducted for identifying habitations hamlets including those of adivasi areas without adequate safe sources or drinking water sources having chemicals|bacteriological contamination.

(d) Appropriate action will be taken on the basis of the findings in the survey. In the meanwhile schemes to provide safe drinking water to villages|habitations included in the action plan for 1991-92 are being implemented under the plan programmes.